if so, what is their reaction thereto; and

(d) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINSTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAISHAH): (a) No Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Allotment of accommodation to the employees of special pool from general pool

2. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that applications have been received by the Directorate of Estates for allotment of houses to their employees by offices which are at present not covered by the general pool;

(b) if so, what action has been taken in those cases; and

(c) how those offices would be required to meet the demands of such employees in view of the general shortage of accommodation in those offices?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a) to (c) General pool accommodation is meant for allotment to the Central Government employees working in eligible offices. Certain Departments/offices who have constructed their own pool of accommodation, have been declared ineligible for allotment of accommodation from general pool either wholly or in respect of specified categories of employees. Applications received from such offices are not considered for allotment of general pool accommodation. They are required to meet their needs from their own pool of accommodation.

Allotment of accommodation for special pool

3. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the Government offices which are not covered by the General Pool and have special pool of their own for the purpose of allotment of houses to the employees working in such offices;

(b) which of these pools do not construct houses on their own but depend on general pool to meet their requirement;

(c) what is the procedure followed by the general pool to meet the requirement of the offices which do not construct houses of their own;

(d) whether any request for houses of various types has been received from such offices during the last two years (January, 1989—December, 1990); and

(e) if so, what action has been taken on such requests?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

"Drought prone areas programmes and desert development programme"

4. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the conceptional framework of the Drought Prone Areas Programmes and the Desert Development Programme (DDP) in the country;